

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6, 8, 12, 16-19, 21-22, 24-27 and 30-31 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 30 and 31 are amended above to overcome the examiner's Section 101 rejection.

Claim 34 is amended above to convert it into independent form.

No new matter has been added to the application by way of these claim amendments.

I. THE SECTION 101 REJECTION

The examiner rejected claims 1-3, 6, 8, 12, 16-19, 21-22, 24-27 and 30-31 because they do not fall within a statutory category of invention.

The examiner's rejection is overcome by amending independent claims 1 and 30-31 to clarify that the method steps are performed by a computer or a processor. While the term processor is not expressly used in the specification, support for this amendment is found at least in the specification at page 6, line 11 where there is reference to "dedicated hardware" as an alternative to a PC or general computer. The preferred embodiment of the invention is also referred to in the specification as a "process", of which the "processing components" are shown in Figure 3 (page 6, line 17).

II. THE SECTION 112, FIRST PARAGRAPH REJECTION OF CLAIM 34

The examiner rejected claim 34 for being a single means claim.

The examiner's rejection is overcome by amending claim 34 to convert it into an independent claim.

CONCLUSION

All pending patent application claims are believed to be allowable for the reasons recited above. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of all pending application claims is, therefore, courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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